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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated January 29, 2003.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-9, 11-15, 17-18 and 20-30 remain pending in the application.

Claims 3, 4-9, 11-15, 17-18 and 20-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Person (U.S. Patent No. 5,067,081). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 3, which is dependent upon claim 4, recites "wherein the less detailed desired cartographic entity is no cartographic entity." The Examiner contends that Person discloses this limitation in column 15, lines 1-3. This portion of Person is merely a broad statement. Claim 3 is dependent upon claim 4 which requires a first and second operation mode. Person, by contrast, can either display or not display different map features based upon switches, main switch 42, location adjustment switch 43, radius main control switch 44, radius all display control switch 45, city radius display control switch 46, road radius display control switch 47 and so forth. This is directly in contrast with the present invention as required in claim 4 which either displays or does not display cartographic features based upon either being in a first operational mode comprising an on-road mode or a second operational mode